

YOUTH ENJOYS TRIP

Ninety-three teen-agers from the Torrance Nazarene Church chartered a boat last weekend and crossed the channel to Catalina Island for a day of swimming and seeing the Bird Farm, Casino, Glass Bottom Boat and other famous Catalina sights. Keeping an eye out for the voyagers were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Howell, sponsors of the group, Rev. and Mrs. Freeman A. Brunson, and Mrs. Lois Strobbridge.

HARD TIMES DANCE SET

Pacific Hills Home Owners and their friends will don their oldest, tackiest clothes for a Hard Times dance on July 17 at the Empty Saddles Club in Palos Verdes.

Marty Baum and his orchestra will play dance rhythms from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

MOMS AT WORK... HOW THEY DO IT

Mother is Godsend for Mrs. E. Lupp

"My mom's a Godsend," says Mrs. Edward Lupp, who works full time at Lincoln-Mercury Motors downtown.

If it weren't for her, the blue-eyed wife and mother who went to work to "help pay the expenses of having the baby" wouldn't be able to hold down a job outside the home.

GRANDMA'S JOB
As it is, mom works from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (by the book) and works at an automobile agency in Los Angeles from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and grandmother, Mrs. Budd Phipps, takes care of 16-month-old Sue Ann, cooks all the meals for her daughter, son-in-law, and husband, and does the housekeeping.

In addition, she runs errands for her husband, who operates a service station here, and while she is hunting down the parts he needs to complete overhaul of an engine she leaves little Sue Ann with mom at Lincoln Mercury.

"That's one of the advantages of working here," Mrs. Lupp said. "The atmosphere is informal, and the boss doesn't mind if I have my daughter here when the 'sitter' has to be elsewhere."

Mrs. Lupp's job is mainly customer-relations work, for in addition to keeping books, making out the payroll, and keeping car records, she is responsible for many car deliveries.

HOURS INDEFINITE
"So if a customer wants his car at 7 o'clock in the morning, I'm here then, although my official opening hour is 8:30," she said. "And, although we close at 5:30 p.m., there's never been a day that I've been gone at that hour."

The Torrance High School grad, who lives with her husband, daughter, and parents at 2624 Carson St., likes her job,



"MOM'S MY ACE IN THE HOLE!"... says Mrs. Edward Lupp, who works at Lincoln-Mercury Motors here. "She takes care of my baby and does the housework so I can help out the family income."

though, "I guess it's just in my blood," she said. "Our family's always been in the transportation business. Before automobiles, they were in blacksmith shops, and when the first horseless carriage came they went into service stations or other businesses connected with automobiles."

Working Wife Of Policeman Has Problems

Even if your only son is 12½, there are many problems to iron out, especially if you have a husband who works odd hours.

Such is the case of Mrs. John Maestri, whose husband is a sergeant with the Torrance Police Department. The uniformed man is on an 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift now, having just finished a 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. stint.

The latter is the hardest for the working wife, employed at a downtown women's wear shop, for on Saturdays her hours are 1 to 6 p.m., and hubby gets off for dinner at 6 o'clock, too, with only a half-hour for the meal.

"It's quite a scramble to get something on the table for him," Mrs. Maestri said. "Usually I go to work, then just warm it up when I get home. Occasionally, if it's all prepared, he'll put a little fire under it so it's ready when I get home, but not too often!"

Normally, Mrs. Maestri's working hours run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and all through 4 p.m. on Mondays. This complicates the normal washing schedule, so she usually does the laundry any day after her shift ends at 2 o'clock, because the man of the house is usually asleep in the morning.

He's Asleep, She's Awake
"Most of the time I'm just getting up when he's going to bed," she laughed.

Ironing Mrs. Maestri does at night when the police sergeant is on duty. "When he's at home I don't like to be tied up with household chores," she said, "because we have little enough time together as it is."

When he works the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift, she steals a few extra minutes with her husband, waiting up 'til he comes home, making sure the coffee is "perked" the minute he arrives.

Harold, the 12½-year-old, is a big help. He does most of the yard work and, while together is on the job, fixes lunch for his dad and himself. The dishwashing task is mom's, but "it isn't too much work, because we're fortunate in having a dishwasher," she said.

Many husbands whose wives work lend a hand with household chores, but "John? Heavens no!" Mrs. Maestri laughed. "He does do all the family shopping every Friday morning though, which helps out a lot."

The big reason her policeman husband doesn't help out with the housework, Mrs. Maestri explained, is that, like a lot of husbands, he isn't too fond of the idea of his wife working outside the home.

"But when we bought the house about four years ago," she said, "there were a lot of things I wanted for it, and the only way we could afford them was for me to work, too. And now, with prices the way they are, it's almost a necessity that I work. I know very few wives of policemen who don't work."



TIME TO GET CLEANED UP... says Mrs. Lawrence Moeder to her husband and 8-year-old son, Billy. Family spent rare Monday together, entertained friends in the evening. It was a rare day because most Mondays through Fridays dad works in the daytime and mom holds down a swing shift job at Douglas Aircraft Co.

Swing Shift Worker Gets Hubby's Help

"I couldn't do it without my husband."

That's the opinion of Mrs. Lawrence Moeder, the mother of three children who holds down one of the most difficult jobs of any wife.

It's the hours that make it hard, for this brunette matron works swing shift, 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo facility.

The baby sitting expense which every working husband and wife face is cut down for the Moeders, however, because they only have to employ one for an hour each day—the interim between mom's clocking in time and the hour dad, who works at an import-export warehouse in San Pedro, is off the job.

To be at work on time, Lawrence gets up at 7:30 a.m. and fixes breakfast for himself and the two older children, Billy, 8,

and Suzanne, 3. Mom gets to "sleep in" until 8 o'clock, and just has time to feed the 20-month-old baby, Melinda, before doing the daily dusting, bed-making, sweeping chores. On Mondays she gets up at 6:30 to do the weekly wash, arising at the same hour on Tuesday to get the clothes ironed.

After fixing lunch for herself and the children, she takes a nap with the two youngest tots from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. "I usually put the baby to bed at noon," she said, "so often she wakes up before 2:30. Then Billy takes care of her until I get up. He's a pretty good baby sitter!"

In the hour before it's time to get ready for work, Mrs. Moeder usually prepares a meat loaf, roast, stew, or other main dish for the family. Some days there is a cake, pie, or cookies to whip up, because this mother does all her own baking—"except bread, of course," she laughed.

Then she's off to Douglas for eight hours and it's time for father to take over.

He prepares the evening meal for himself and the kids and sees that they're washed and put to bed. Before he retires for the night, he sees that the coffee pot is on the stove.

For when Mrs. Moeder gets home, she always has a cup of the black brew and reads the newspaper before going to bed. Often she stays up to "do a bit of sewing," for she makes all of her own and the children's clothes, and even some of her husband's shirts.

Since neither works on Saturdays, this is the time for a thorough housecleaning and work in the yard. Father usually mops the floor Friday evening so it will be all ready for a wax coat Saturday morning. He helps his wife do most of the cleaning

on Saturday, then both of them do necessary yard work. Evenings, they entertain friends at home, go visiting, or spend a few hours dancing.

Sundays the Moeders reserve for their children. "This is a family day for us," Mrs. Moeder said. "We don't do any housework or yard work, but usually take the kids somewhere that they want to go."

Like most wives and mothers who hold down outside jobs, Mrs. Moeder isn't a "career woman." She's working for those "extras" that will make her home more beautiful.

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